

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/826,468

Examiner

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2451

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/17/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 7-13, 16-19, 21-22, 25, and 28-29.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is sufficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 05/05/2006, 04/13/2006, 03/14/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 08/25/2010.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Antonia L. Sequeira on 08/25/2010.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 21:

At least one computer-readable non-transitory storage medium containing computer program instructions for associating computer network interfaces with network policies, said computer program instructions performing the steps of: analyzing one or more network interfaces associated with a client computer using a plurality of network detectors,

that each output a netspec comprising a first token that is a detector token having a static value that identifies a specific detector that created the netspec and a second token identifying that is a value that the specific detector uses to uniquely identify the analyzed network interface; determining that a first detector outputted a first netspec for a particular analyzed network interface of the one or more network interfaces and that a second detector outputted a second netspec for the particular analyzed network interface; determining that the first detector is more reliable in observing the particular

analyzed network interface than is the second detector awarding a higher priority to the first netspec than to the second netspec in response to the first netspec being output by the first detector and the first detector being more reliable than the second detector; associating the first netspec that was awarded the higher priority with a location that is linked to one or more network policies designated by a user to be implemented for the location and feeding the associated netspec/location pair to a network interface module to implement the one or more network policies designated for the location

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Lindhardt's invention is directed, specifically, to a detector, for detecting, the reliability of other detectors that perform network analysis. Lindhardt's invention then prioritizes the reliability of the detectors by providing a netspec table that contains static values that are related to each individual detector, as well as its location and reliability.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSEPH GREENE whose telephone number is

(571)270-3730. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu, 8:00AM - 4:00Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 5712723964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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